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When I worked for the Agency in 1965-66 I had formed the impression that it was a very capable and efficient organisation. This summer job has strengthened that feeling. The briefings which were arranged have been quite informative and interesting, particularly that of Mr. Clarke. The briefings have helped me understand how the intense flow of information is directed towards and used in definite efforts.

I was fortunate in my office when the analyst in charge of the country I had studied in took leave for five weeks and I was assigned as her replacement. I was therefore able to learn more about the country as well as making direct use of my knowledge of the country. However, this was pure chance and in general I don't feel that this office was prepared to make full use of a summer intern. But since I am concerned with methods of handling masses of information, my observations and conversations in this office have given me useful ideas on information storage and retrieval.

My major goals of this summer have been reached. My original impressions of the Agency have been reinforced and my respect for its abilities reaffirmed. I have learned more in my area of interest, and I now have a better idea of the types of information the Agency collects, how the information is stored and retrieved, and how it is ultimately used.

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